

RETRACTABLE BARREL FOR EQUESTRIAN TRAINING AND COMPETITION

Abstract

A retractable barrel apparatus includes a stable base to rest upon the ground, an upright support member flexibly connected to the base, a cover support connected to the support member, and a flexible generally cylindrical cover disposed over the cover support with the wall of the cover extending to the ground surrounding the cover support, support member, and base, to replicate the size and shape of a conventional rigid barrel commonly used in barrel racing. The flexible connection between the support member and the base allows the cover support and support member to readily move laterally away from an impact by a horse and rider, substantially reducing the risk of injury to horse and/or rider.